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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
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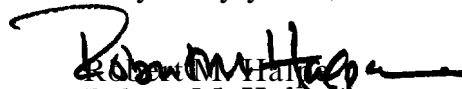
Re: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
Promoting Deployment and Subscribership in Unserved and
Underserved Areas, Including Tribal and Insular Areas,
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter is being filed, in duplicate, in accordance with the Commission's Rules, to report that Marideth Sandler and Paula Scavera of the State of Alaska, met with Kathryn Brown and Dorothy Atwood of Chairman Kennard's office and Ellen Blackler, Gene Fulano, Mark Nadel, Richard Smith, and Praveen Goyal, of the Common Carrier Bureau on Monday, January 31, 2000. They discussed the State of Alaska's December 17, 1999 comments in response to the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

In the event there are any questions concerning this matter, please communicate with the undersigned.

Very truly yours,


Robert M. Halperin

cc: Kathryn Brown
Dorothy Atwood
Ellen Blackler
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